

for his leadership on yet another tough issue.

#### PRESIDING OFFICER NOT BOUND BY PRECEDENCE ON APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that in the future the Presiding Officer not be bound by the precedence established on March 16, 1985, regarding legislation on an appropriations bill.

Mr. FORD. Madam President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DOLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KYL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### FOREIGN RELATIONS REVITALIZATION ACT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now turn to S. 908, the State Department revitalization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 1996 through 1999 and to abolish the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Agency for International Development, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on S. 908, the State Department reorganization bill:

Senators Dan Coats, Spencer Abraham, Nancy Kassebaum, Rick Santorum, Jesse Helms, Judd Gregg, Rod Grams, Olympia Snowe, Bob Dole, Thad Cochran, Paul Coverdell, Larry Craig, Phil Gramm, Kay Bailey Hutchison, Dan Nickles, and Trent Lott.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 31, the Senate resume consideration of S. 908, the State Department revitalization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### VITIATION OF CLOTURE MOTION—S. 908

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the previous cloture motion to proceed to S. 908 be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### THE SENATE PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I might say to all Senators that the Senate will resume consideration of the State Department revitalization bill at 2 p.m. on Monday.

Any rollcall votes will not occur prior to 6 p.m. on Monday.

I might also say that somebody who wants to debate only the State Department bill can do so this afternoon if they cannot be here Monday. It might be a good opportunity for opening statements which they want to make, or some statement about some amendment and a discussion about one of their amendments.

I have also visited with both the minority Democratic whip and the Democratic leader. And I think we should put all Senators on notice that there probably will be a Saturday session a week from tomorrow.

We have a lot to do. We would like get out of here as quickly as we can in August. We are not going to make the August 4 recess, but beginning maybe sometime later in August.

That is what we will know for certain on Monday. But I want to put Senators on notice that there could be a Saturday session on August 5. So all Senators should be on notice.

It is my hope that we will be on with the welfare reform maybe late Friday night and, if we should get bogged down on the State Department revitalization bill and unable to get cloture on the bill itself, if it seems likely we will not get cloture on the second, then I think we would move to the DOD authorization bill where I understand that could be finished in perhaps 2½ days.

Upon completion of that, it would be my intention to try to work out—in fact, before we complete—if we can work out some dual-track procedure, which we have done in the past, where we consider appropriations bills after a certain time each day because the appropriators are very anxious that we complete at least six appropriations bills before we start the recess. We have completed two. I understand one conference has been completed on the legislative appropriations. We will take up the conference report next week.

Energy and water is available now. But there are some problems we are trying to work out. There may be as many as three others before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

So I just say to my colleagues that on Monday there will be no votes until

6 p.m., but I assume there will be votes at 6 p.m., and then we are in for probably long nights and maybe a Saturday session next week. And we will be in all of the following week.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky is recognized.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, let me thank the distinguished majority leader for giving us the advance notice so that we can make arrangements for Saturday, August 5, and expect to be here to debate and vote on Saturday. Then we would be back at 9 o'clock probably on Monday, and continue our effort, whether it is welfare reform or whatever the distinguished majority leader wishes to bring up.

I thank him for giving us this advanced warning. I think all have expected that Saturday, August 5, would be used. And I think it is a wise use of time by letting us out tomorrow and then coming back.

So I thank him for that.

Mr. President, we are now in the period of morning business in which each Senator has 5 minutes. Is that is correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

#### LOBBYING REFORM AND GIFT BAN

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, as we finish up on the important piece of legislation, the lobbying reform and the gift ban, I want to take a minute to thank the many people who worked to produce a significant step toward restoring confidence in this institution.

And it clearly would not have been possible without the leadership of the distinguished Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE.

I want to thank him for placing his confidence in me to chair the working group—a task which I shared equally with my cochair Senator LEVIN, and whom I want to extend a special thanks, along with his most capable staff. Our job was made infinitely more easy by the considerable amount of hard work, time, and effort the working group and their staffs dedicated to making this process work. That group include Senators WELLSTONE, FEINGOLD, LAUTENBERG, ROCKEFELLER, BREAU, DODD, and REID. And I offer my thanks and congratulations for a job well done to them and their staffs.

I also want to commend my colleague, the Majority Whip TRENT LOTT, whose leadership and hard-working staff helped bring cooperation and closure to this issue. Because of the hard work of all of these people, I think we now have a piece of legislation that all who participated in can be proud of and will have a stake in.

Before I close, I do want to say that this reform is a step in—not an end to—the process of reforming Congress and of making this an institution that inspires confidence and pride from all Americans.

Tickets to a concern, a ball game, or an occasional lunch or dinner raise the